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PATENT APPLICATION Docket No. 7678.599.1

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
	Norbert Abels, et al.	}
Scrial No.:	10/774,197	) Art Unit
Filed:	February 6, 2004	) 3732
Conf. No.:	6975	)
For:	SELF-LIGATING ORTHODONTIC BRACKETS INCLUDING A METAL LIGATION COVER HINGEDLY CONNECTED TO A BRACKET BASE	) ) ) )
Examiner:	John J. Wilson	)

## <u>AMENDMENT "A"</u>

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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